

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING
Advisory Committee to Develop a Tree Ordinance and Tree Management Plan

Committee Members: Jennifer Zwarich (Chair), Mary Saari, Stephanie Hawkins, Kory Riesterer, Charles Hustis, Richard Weissbrod, Dana Bol, Donald MacDonald, Kathleen Foley, Rich Franco, Tony Bardes

06/02/2014
MEETING MINUTES

7:30 PM Butterfield Library

Present: Jennifer Zwarich, Kory Riesterer, Dana Bol, Mary Saari, Richard Weissbrod, Rich Franco, Mary Saari, Donald MacDonald, Tony Bardes, Kathleen Foley. Guest: Michael Liguori.

Meeting began at 7:30.

Chair noted that due to the librarian's schedule the meeting had to have a hard stop time of 8:30 pm. Since there was an audience present she announced that the committee welcomed and encouraged comments and suggestions to be emailed to village clerk or written on provided public comment forms.

Chair gave brief introduction/review: went over the committee's purpose, work to date and the path to completion. Noted that the document we are starting from, "Draft Tree Commission Ordinance, 5/22/2014," was kindly composed for us by the village attorney Michael Liguori [please note: this was done at no additional cost to the village since Mike works on retainer]. Moved to begin with a general discussion of sections 122-4 and 122-5 of the draft ordinance, then to move on to a line by line discussion of the entire ordinance.

Mike explained that the current section relating to trees in the village code is more than 30 years old and does not capture what goes on in reality in the village. He provided us with a more comprehensive draft with the idea that decisions could be made about what to keep in etc.

Committee discussed merits and problems with sections 122-4 and 122-5.

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Vote was taken on 3 options: 1)remove 122-4 and 122-5 from the ordinance we are editing/composing and pass them on as a separate matter beyond our purview that the Trustees may or may not wish to consider at a later date; 2) consider and make edits to the entire draft ordinance as provided to us; or 3) remove sections 122-4 and 122-5 altogether. Vote was 6 in favor of option 1, 3 in favor of option 2 and 1 in favor of option 3.

It was resolved to proceed with option 1. Discussion of 122-4 and 122-5 closed.

Discussion of sections 122-1, 122-2 and 122-3 was begun but not completed due to time constraints.

It was resolved to continue with the editing of these first 3 sections at a next meeting set for Monday June 9 at 7:30 at Village Hall.

Adjourned at 8:38pm.